

Nova Scotia Bait News

L'Ardoise, August 17—Landed bait Rockdale, 12 barrels.

Canso, August 17—Canso, 50 barrels herring, five barrels squid, no bait in cold storage; Half Island Cove, bait scarce today, 100 barrels in cold storage; Queensport, herring fair, squid scarce, herring and squid bait in cold storage; Goldboro, no bait today, no bait at Larry's River or Charles Cove; Whitehead, four barrels herring to a boat; Port Felix, 100 to 500 herring; no bait Cles Harbor.

Independence Made a Large Haul.

Steamer Independence II., Capt. Hodgkins arrived yesterday afternoon with 25,000 pounds small fresh mackerel, taken off Cape Cod. They were sold to A. Cooney & Company but most of the trip was sent to salt, the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company taking them.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 11,582 barrels, against 3300 barrels for the same period last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 63,120 barrels as compared with 36,231 barrels in 1913, this time.

Fresh mackerel imports at Boston received to date total 6085 barrels against 10,077 barrels in 1913. Salt mackerel imports are 6839 barrels, against 3591 barrels last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel this week is 2993 barrels fresh and 1056 barrels salted; same week 1913, 1194 barrels fresh, 571 barrels salt.

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Alert, consisting of 50 barrels sold this morning at \$19 a barrel to Fred Bradley, this being an advance of \$2 over the last sales and the highest figure paid this season.

The 20 barrel fare of steamer Bethulia also sold at the same figure.

The fish are of fine quality, extra fat and were taken in Barnstable Bay.

MORE EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY

Sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson, of the Cunningham & Thompson fleet of seiners stocked \$4400 and the crew shared \$89.30 on her last trip.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Lewis Carltt, of the Davis Bros. fleet of seiners, stocked \$4270 and the crew shared \$95.50 on her last trip.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, stocked \$2947 and the crew made the fine share of \$81.26 on her 18 days halibut trip. The Stream is one of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company fleet.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, stocked \$3389 and the crew shared \$80 on her recent shacking trip.

Sch. Natalie Hammond, Capt. Chas. Colson, stocked \$3655 and the crew shared \$110.55 on her recent halibut trip.

This Fish Is Much Despised in Western States.

There are lakes in western states where the pickerel is looked upon with so much scorn that those who go out expressly for bass refuse to recognize him as a legitimate part of a day's catch, and throw him back into the water, says the Springfield Republican. This, however, is certainly not the attitude of most anglers in Massachusetts. Here the pickerel holds a high and quite well deserved station in the ranks of game and table fish.

Game he certainly is if taken under proper conditions, and if he is caught in clear water and baked with good stuffing, no one who has put him to the test will snort at the edible qualities discovered. Pickerel season opened the 21st with bass season, and many good catches of this long, cleanly built speed artist will doubtless be made.

The best place to look for pickerel is in a pond or lake, and in a pond or lake the best place is one where bullrushes line the water's edge, affording him lurking places where he can dash out from behind a tangle of roots and inhale a frog, minnow or whatever food may pass his way. Perhaps it will be a spoon hook with nothing more tasteful about it than a bunch of gaudy feathers and a trio of steel barbs. In that case the good fortune is decidedly with the angler as opposed to the pickerel and long odds may be placed on the man behind the line; for however skillfully a fish may shake out a single hook he is against a much stiffer proposition when he has tried to swallow three prongs, which are usually guaranteed to hold him no matter which way he may turn.

The pickerel will take almost any bait, although, as with most game fishes, the best bait is one that is in motion and that has qualities attractive to the eye or the palate. On the whole the pickerel seems to strike more readily at things guaranteed to please the eye that at those supposed to assuage hunger. It is a commonly held theory, too, that the pickerel strikes at things which make him angry. Whether or not it "riles" him to have a brilliant lure disturb his afternoon siesta at the bottom of the pond is a question hard to settle, but whatever his motive in striking he usually puts up a good fight after being hooked.

A great failing of pickerel fishers in this state is that of taking fish which are altogether too small. A 12-inch pickerel means one more fish in the sack, but it can hardly be called a worthy catch. If all sportmen, and more particularly if those who fish without being worthy the name sportsman, would forbear to keep 12-inch pickerel and contain themselves until they catch fish weighing 1 1-2 pounds or two pounds, it would be but a short time until there would be plenty such fish to be taken. There is absolutely no good reason why such a policy should not be followed. Small pickerel are so slender and thin that no man can be very proud at having mastered them, and a larger one is so much better an opponent and goes so much farther when cooked that it is almost more than unsportsmanlike to keep the little fellows.

The pickerel is a hardy fish, too. That is proved by the fact that he persists although caught in quantities while yet so very small. Those who have enjoyed an eight or 10 minutes fight against a six or seven pound specimen of this fish would never think of spoiling a chance by keeping one that weighed but a pound. It is an idea well worth clinging to and carrying out, and will repay whatever little denial may be entailed.—Springfield Republican.

ESTES FIGHTS THE DOGFISH

Ocean Pest Has Driven Other Orrs Island Fishermen From Their Trawls.

Of all the fishermen on Orr's Island, and there are no less than 150 of them, Chester Estes, alone remains in the field fighting the dogfish, says the Portland Express & Advertiser editorially. The others have given up handline and trawl fishing for the delectable cod, hake and haddock and are on the seiners chasing the elusive mackerel, herring and shad until their sword enemies, the scavenging sharks of the sea, shall have turned their attention to other waters. When that will be is problematical.

Up to two weeks ago the Casco Bay fishermen were all doing well, handline trawling and gill netting, the waters teemed with herring, tinker mackerel, pollock and, best of all, magnificent shad. The latter netted the fishermen \$2 a barrel at Portland and several days the industrious fishermen of this vicinity fattened their bank accounts at an astonishingly rapid rate. Emore Gilliam, son of "Uncle" Bill Gilliam, a famous mackerel "killer" who died recently at the age of 105, must have inherited much of his sire's skill. For nearly a fortnight he made remarkable hauls for a lone fisherman netting on the average 75 to 100 barrels of fine, fat shad daily. Most of them were shipped from Portland to Boston and New York.

Other fishermen, too, were doing splendidly with shad, pollock, and tinker mackerel which for the first time in many years have appeared off the Maine coast in enormous schools. Everything looked rosy for the fishermen. Then the dreaded dogfish made their appearance. Fisherman's luck indeed.

It seems that the immense schools of shad were making for the mouth of the Kennebec river, up which they ran to spawn. Intuitively the voracious dogfish divined this and, according to the fishermen, they stretched a repelling, attacking, devouring cordon from Cape Small Point to Cape Newagen. Turned away from the Kennebec by this cannibalistic horde of sea scavengers, the frightened shad were driven into the coves and reaches of Lower Casco Bay close to the shores. It was here that the fishermen made such splendid catches until the dogfish, finding that the shad were at last becoming chary of the mouth of the Kennebec, pursued them into the shallower waters.

Then too, the presence of the mackerel schools, pollock, cod, haddock and hake furnished them a rare feast that they remained. The fishermen claim the great loss of this stupendous horde of dogfish actually overruns the waters of the northern Maine coast from the shore point exactly 15 miles off. Moreover the sow dogfish are hatching or spawning millions of pups in litters of from five to a dozen.

Fishermen know that any helpless fish is prey for the dogfish. That is handlining, trawling or netting, methods of fishing which snare the fish and hold him until hauled to the surface by fishermen, are now absolutely impossible. The dogfish tear the fish from the hooks, bite off the gill nettings in their voracity and leave the captive fishes in the gill netting nothing but the skeletons for the hapless fishermen. For reason all Orr's Island fishermen turned their attention to seeking some variety. That is, all but Chester Estes. Estes simply won't be defeated at the mouths of the dogfish. He has a large family to support, swears he will support it with trawls. But to do so he is obliged to go 15 miles off shore each day, beyond the solid mass of dogfish, swarm over his customary grounds. There and there only he set his trawls and feel reasonably sure of finding food fish other than these sea pests on his hook. Each day he would set his trawls little farther off shore and at miles he thought he must surely be out of the danger zone, so to speak. What was his chagrin, upon hauling a 400 hook trawl, to find 88 dogfish ranging in weight from 5 to 10 pounds, and 12 naked skeletons which had undoubtedly been cod, haddock or hake originally. The next day he went off three miles farther, there for a week he has been well. But the extra amount of line and oil used by his motor covering the additional miles into the profits badly. One seems certain, if the Bureau of Fisheries ever succeeds in inducing American people to accept dogfish as a food, there will be no lack of material. And if it does not do so, something pretty soon there will be other fish than dogfish.

August 24

Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. Gov. sold Saturday afternoon to L. Tarr for nine cents per pound for white and seven cents for grays. The halibut fares of schs. Avalon and Yakima, sold to the American Halibut Company for seven cents per pound for white, five cents for small grays and three cents for grays.

The halibut fare of sch. Cavalier to the New England Fish Company the same figures.

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NEW PIER IS WELL SUPPLIED TODAY

Boston had a big grist of arrivals this morning as well as this port, 25 boats tying up at the new fish pier on Saturday.

Among them were the steamer Surf Wave, beam trawlers, the former of which arrived from Portland where it has been supplying the market for several weeks.

Several good sized trips of the sail-fleet arrived, including some of the drifters. Two fresh mackerel boats, the Pythian with 9000 pounds and the steamer Sawyer 3000 pounds landed this morning at eight and nine o'clock. Four fares of swordfish were also at the dock.

Wholesalers quoted \$1.25 to \$1.60 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$4.50 for cod and \$1.75 for market cod, \$2 to \$3 for hake, \$1.25 for pollock, \$2.50 for mackerel.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Wave, 71,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Surf, 35,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Commonwealth, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 14,000 pollock.

Sch. Arbitrator, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 10,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Pontiac, 25,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 46,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 20,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. W. W. Goodspeed, 32,000 haddock, 3200 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 13,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Hortense, 1030 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Thalia, 3000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Lillian, 3000 haddock, 38,000 cod.

Sch. Virginia, 1700 haddock, 27,000 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Viking, 2000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 11,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 40,000 hake, 30,000 cusk.

Sch. Pythian, 9000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Esther Gray, 16,000 pollock.

Sch. Sawyer, 3000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Actor, 14,000 pollock.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Elizer A. Benner, 52 swordfish.

Sch. Cruiser, 35 swordfish.

Sch. Rose Standish, 78 swordfish.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 64 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$1.50; halibut, 12 cents and 10 cents per lb.; swordfish, 10 cents and 11 cents per lb.; small fresh mackerel, 8 cents and 9 cents per lb.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Cush, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock \$2.50.

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Flitched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.

Salt medium mackerel, \$17 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.30.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut 7c per lb. for white, 5c for small gray, 3c for large gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 t freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers.

Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 9c per lb. for white, 7c for small gray and 5c for large gray.

Whiting, 60c per bbl.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan was at Liverpool Thursday and cleared.

Schs. A. P. Andrew and James and Esther were at Canse Thursday. Schs. Hazel R. Hines and Mabel E. Leavitt cleared from there the same day.

SCH. CAVALIER IS FIRST FROM FUNKS

Capt. Porper Brings Fine Fare—Many Arrivals in Here Today.

With six halibut fares arriving since Saturday, the halibut market was in good shape for the trade this morning. Not only these, but several fresh and salt fares are also in, as well as a few of the seiners with small fares of salt mackerel.

The first halibuter to arrive was sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, Saturday afternoon, having 6000 pounds fresh halibut and 175,000 pounds fresh fish. The halibut sold at nine cents a pound for white and seven cents for gray.

One of the dandy trips of the season is that of sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert

Porper, one of the few crafts to go to the Funks for some time, and the first from there this season. He has 50,000 pounds of halibut, and about 2000 pounds salt cod.

Sch. Yakima, Capt. Robert Wharton, from LeHave brings 8000 pounds halibut, 65,000 pounds fresh fish and 16,000 pounds salt cod. It was a mighty happy home coming for the popular skipper, who upon his return was notified of the arrival of a little son, which was born last Thursday.

Sch. Avalon from Western Banks, has 8000 pounds fresh halibut, 60,000 pounds fresh fish, and 8000 pounds salt cod. Still another fare is that of sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, with 5000 pounds halibut, and 160,000 pounds fresh fish.

This morning, sch. James W. Parker, Capt. George Tufts, arrived from shacking, his hail being for 3000 pounds halibut and 180,000 pounds fresh fish.

Other arrivals are schs. Sylvania, Capt. Jeff Thomas, with 85,000 pounds salt cod; Jeanette, via Boston, 115,000 pounds fresh fish.

The seiners in are schs. Corona, 82 barrels salt mackerel; Monarch, 27 barrels; Imperator, eight barrels.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Gov. Foss, Le Have Bank, 6000 lbs. fresh halibut, 175,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Corsair, seining, 64 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Jeanette, via Boston, 115,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Conqueror, Western Banks, 5000 lbs. fresh halibut, 160,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Yakima, LeHave Bank, 8000 lbs. fresh halibut, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish, 16,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Cavalier, Funks, 50,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 2000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Avalon, Western Bank, 8000 lbs. fresh halibut, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Sylvania, Quero Bank, 85,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Monarch, seining, 27 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Imperator, 8 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Corona, seining, 82 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Harvard, seining, 1 bbls. salt mackerel.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, seining.

Sch. James W. Parker, Western Banks, 3000 lbs. fresh halibut, 180,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.

Sch. Natalie Hammond, halibuting.

Sch. Georgia, halibuting.

Sch. Ralph Brown, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, haddocking.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

Steamer Bethulia, seining.

Br. sch. Annie M. W. Lunenburg.

LAND BIG HAULS AT PROVINCETOWN

Latest arrivals here include sch. Nashawena, Capt. McKown, and the big Motor boat Margaret L., Capt. Willie O'Donnell. The two came in Friday night for ice, having taken nearly 450 barrels of mackerel during the day.

SMALL WEEK AT PENSACOLA

The week ending August 16 at Pensacola netted a very small catch to the red snapper fishermen, 11 boats making port having a combined catch of only a little more than 100,000 pounds of red snapper, whereas within a short time past twice that quantity has been brought in within a week.

Only four crafts came in for the Warren Fish Co. against seven for E. E. Saunders & Co., nevertheless the four boats for Warren brought into 1400 pounds as much fish as did the seven boats for Capt. Welles' Company. All told, the 11 vessels had a combined catch of 135,170 pounds of red snapper and grouper. Of red snapper there were 103,995 pounds and of grouper 31,175 pounds.

The Warren boats had a total of 66,885 pounds of fish, of which 49,120 pounds were red snapper and 17,765 pounds grouper. The Saunders boats had 54,875 pounds of red snapper and 13,410 pounds of grouper. While the Saunders boats had the most red snapper the Warren boats had the most grouper.

The biggest single fare was made by a Warren boat, which had 27,225 pounds of fish, of which 21,245 pounds were red snapper and 5980 pounds grouper. The biggest fare to E. E. Saunders Co. was 16,545 pounds of fish, of which 14,220 pounds were red snapper and 2325 pounds grouper. The smallest fare to the Warren Fish Co. was 6580 pounds of which 6185 pounds were red snapper and 395 pounds grouper, while the smallest fare to E. E. Saunders & Co. was 4615 pounds, of which 4230 pounds were red snapper and 385 pounds grouper.

Smack arrivals were:

E. E. Saunders & Co.: Maud F. Silva, 10,295 lbs. red snapper, 4900 lbs. grouper; Mary E. Cooney, 10,450 lbs. red snapper, 3015 lbs. grouper; Owl, 5390 lbs. red snapper, 595 lbs. grouper; Albert Geiger, 8900 lbs. red snapper, 1640 lbs. grouper; Seacomet, 14,220 lbs. red snapper, 2325 lbs. grouper; Sheffeyld, 11,390 lbs. red snapper, 1450 lbs. grouper; Sea Em, 4230 lbs. red snapper, 385 lbs. grouper.

Warren Fish Co.: Galatea, 6185 lbs. red snapper, 395 lbs. grouper; Mary B. Greer, 14,410 lbs. red snapper, 8140 lbs. grouper; Culebra, 21,245 lbs. red snapper, 5980 lbs. grouper; Caldwell, H. Colt, 7280 lbs. red snapper, 3250 lbs. grouper.

Provincetown Fishing News.

The cove weirs had from 30 to 50 barrels of squid Monday of last week and the dories "jigged" good catches. There was a ready sale as a fleet of vessels was in port after bait.

Capt. Will O'Donnell and crew got a big school of mackerel on Tuesday, and after bailing in all the boat could carry—10 barrels, it was said—gave the balance of the catch, something over 100 barrels, to his brother, Capt. John O'Donnell. Both vessels sailed for Boston Tuesday night.

Had Fresh Fish Also.

Sch. Sylvania, Capt. Jeffery Thomas reported in yesterday's arrivals here, also had some fresh fish, bringing 35,000 pounds in addition to her salt fare of 85,000 pounds.